naxalites ideologically oppose the establishment of SEZs, mining projects and proposed steel plants by private agencies as well as Government on the ground that they cause displacement of tribals from their homelands and result in loss of agricultural land of poor farmers. The CPI(Maoist) and its front organizations have been propagating to build up a sustained movement of the people at an all India level to oppose development agenda of the Central and State Governments.

Government views naxal menace as an area of serious concern; therefore, this issue is being addressed both on security, development fronts and public perception management fronts. The measures include deployment of 33 Battalions of CPMFs; sanction of 29 India Reserve Battalions; Modernization of State Police Forces, strengthening of intelligence mechanism etc. on security front. On the development front financial assistance of about Rs. 1680 crores has been provided to the naxal affected States under the Backward District Initiative (BDI) component of the Rashtriya Shram Vikas Yojana (RSVY). Similar development assistance is also available to naxal affected States under the Scheme of Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF).

Violation of ceasefire agreement by Pakistani Rangers

4516. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani Rangers violated the three years old ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan in January, 2007 by opening fire on BSF personnel to help a group of intruders cross over to Indian side;

(b) if so, apart from BSF opening retaliatory fire to repulse the attack, whether our vigilance has been intensified to foil any such attempts, and whether the matter has been taken up at local commanders level, to sort out the problem;

(c) whether this matter was taken up at diplomatic level; and

(d) if so, what is the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Strong protest notes were lodged by BSF with their counterpart on the unprovoked firing. This issue was also raised during Indo-Pakistan Bi-annual meeting held on 14 to 17 February 2007. The following steps have been taken for effective border domination and to foil any such attempts:—

(i) Round the clock surveillance of the border by patrolling during day and night, Ops and ambushes.

(ii) Construction of fencing and flood lighting and protective bunds.

(iii) Conduct of special operations.

(iv) Upgradation of BSF Intelligence set up and coordination with concerned agencies.

(v) Use of night vision devices.

(vi) Augmentation of strength for patrolling/ambush duties.

(c) and (d) The matter was taken up with the Government of Pakistan through diplomatic channels. However, Pakistan denied any such firing.

PM's announcement to compensate victims of 1984 riots

4517. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister had made certain announcements in Parliament to compensate the victims of 1984 riots;

(b) how many families have since received compensation, and what is the quantum of money disbursed so far; and

(c) whether there is a deadline to ensure that every family receives the compensation announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. During discussion on the report of Justice Nanavati Commission of Inquiry into 1984 riots, the Prime Minister on 10th August, 2005 had, *inter alia*, announced in the Lok Sabha that if there have been any shortcomings to rehabilitate the families of those affected by that national tragedy, sincere efforts will be made to remove these shortcomings. In pursuance of the aforesaid announcement, the Government on 16th January, 2006 sanctioned a 'Rehabilitation